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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner that SEQ ID NO: 1 and the corresponding clones of the captioned application may be related to SEQ ID NO: 4784 in co-pending U.S. Application No. 08/799,180, filed February 12, 1997, SEQ ID NO: 11108 in U.S. Application No. 08/798,074, filed February 12, 1997 and SEQ ID NO: 625 in U.S. Application No. 08/975,985, filed November 21, 1997. In addition, Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/565,918, filed May 5, 2000. The identification of these U.S. Patent Applications are not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to these applications now or upon issuance of the captioned application as a patent.

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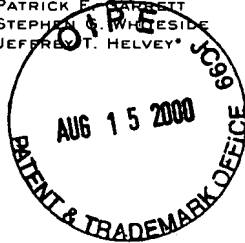
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